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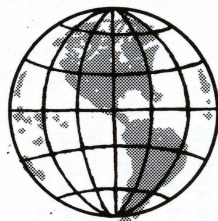
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ALABAMA				LOUISIANA			
Birmingham	WBRC	6	5:05 a.m. (Wed).	New Orleans	WVUE	13	11:00 a.m.
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ALASKA				MICHIGAN			
Juneau	KINY	8	1:30 p.m.	Detroit	CKLW	9	8:30 a.m.
ARIZONA				MINNESOTA			
Tucson	KOLD	13	10:15 a.m.	Mankato	WEYC	12	
CALIFORNIA				MISSISSIPPI			
Eureka	KVIQ	6	10:00 a.m.	Greenwood	WABG	6	3:30 p.m.
Fresno	KJEO	47	9:00 a.m.	Jackson	WJTV	12	10:00 a.m.
Los Angeles	KTTLA	5	8:30 a.m.	Meridian	WTOK	11	8:30 a.m.
San Francisco	KGO	7	9:00 a.m.	MISSOURI			
Redding	KVIP	7	10:00 a.m.	Cape			
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Twin Falls	KLIX	11	2:00 p.m.	NORTH DAKOTA			
ILLINOIS				Williston	KUMV	8	4:00 p.m.
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KANSAS				Medford	KBES		
Topeka	WIBW	13	8:30 a.m.	Portland	KPTV	12	8:30 a.m.
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Charleston	WUSN	2	12:00 p.m.	WASHINGTON			
SOUTH DAKOTA				Richland	KEPR	19	
Aberdeen	KXAB	9	5:30 p.m.	Yakima	KNDO	23	
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Johnson City	WJHL	11	11:00 a.m.				(Fri.)
TEXAS				Clarksburg	WBOY		(Sat.)
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Abilene	KRBC	9	12:30 p.m.	WYOMING			
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Big Spring	KEDY	4	11:30 a.m.	CANADA			
El Paso	KELP	13	2:30 p.m.	Saulte Ste. Marie,			
Lubbock	KDUB	13	8:30 a.m.	Ontario	CJIC		9:00 a.m.
Sherman	KXII	12	5:00 p.m.				
			(Sat.)				

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All times are Sunday unless otherwise indicated.

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

Dear Brothers:

Have enclosed clipping from our local newspaper, so you could see it. I would like to thank you personally as I believe this program has contributed much in this area in the telling of the Gospel. Even our own number has grown and believe it has been a great help in strengthening homes and the church. May we all continue to work together in spreading the Gospel.

Yours in Christ,
R. R. R.
Louisville 5, Ky.

THE PLEADING EYES OF A CHILD

ABC and MBS Networks

By E. R. HARPER

Radio Sermon No. 514

December 3, 1961

Never shall I forget the times I have walked through the nursery of one of the Children's Homes in my native state and as I walked I was met with little hands and arms reaching up, begging in their beautiful childish eyes for me to take them into my arms and love them and hold them close to me that they might throw their arms around my neck and love me, so hungry were their little innocent hearts to be loved and to love someone. This does not mean they were not loved by those who care for them, for they were, but they were hungry for a daddy's love. I remember a beautiful little girl about 18 months, maybe two years old, as I took her up in my arms and when I had to go, she held her little arms so tightly around my neck until we had to pull them loose with her crying for me not to go. In this crowd was a little baby boy, no daddy to love him, to play with him, as he came reaching up his little arms with a hunger that I can never forget. Yes, I took him up and loved him and held him close to me and felt his little baby arms holding on to me, wondering if I were his daddy come for him. Innocent children - wonderful children! Children with hearts of love - love that could brighten any home and we wonder why fathers leave them or why mothers will run away from them to become the wife of another man not their father. You who are ready to separate, think of your children!

This is not just true of this home, it is true of all these homes. I have been in many of them and the hunger to be a part of a family, to have a real daddy and mommy is deeply imbedded in each little heart. They are loved by those who care for this home. They are more than loved, they are worshiped by most of those who live with these beautiful and wonderful children.

I read this story the other day. It is supposed to be a real experience in the life of the man who related it. The man asked, "Do you see that golden haired boy with full face and laughing eyes? Let me tell you his story. You see that splendid boy had followed his mother to the grave and being friendless and shelterless, he returned when night fell and stretched himself on the grave - contented if he might but die. Next morning he was found half frozen to death. His little hands were frozen as cold as those of his dead mother, or the earth on which he lay. If you had only seen him! Yes, it is a noble work which God has given us to do. (Biblical Illustrator, Book of James, p. 215)

This brings me to the introduction of a passage of Scripture that should awaken our hearts of stone to hearts of warmth and love. James,

in Chapter 1, verse 27 says, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." What kind of religion? "Pure and undefiled before God and the Father." The Lord has always been anxious about the unfortunate of this earth. It is a principle that has run throughout both the Old and the New Testaments. In Psalms 72, verses 1 through 5, our Bible reads, "Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. He will judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the hills, in righteousness. He will judge the poor of the people, he will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations." This is how God felt concerning those who oppressed the poor and who failed to help the children of the needy.

You may ask me why this concern by the Lord for these little children? We shall let the Bible answer this question. In Psalms 127 and verse 3 your Bible says, "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." A little child, the heritage of the Lord! Yet millions today are letting these precious little children beg for the crumbs that fall at our tables, thrown out many times to the dogs, figuratively speaking, and never hear the cries of a little hungry mouth - helpless, but cold and hungry just the same. God says they are my heritage. Forget the heritage of God and God will forget us. Have no love in our hearts for those pleading eyes of a little child and God will have no love for us. That we may see the Lord has had on his heart from of old the helpless little child that has no father to love him, let me read to you this time Psalms 68:4-5, "Sing unto God, sing praises to his name; Cast up a highway for him that rideth through the deserts; His name is Jehovah; and exult ye before him. A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, Is God in his holy habitation." The command to David in Psalms 82, verse 3, was "defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy." Now listen to his denunciation of those whose hearts and ears will not be moved by the pleading eyes of a needy child! "Deliver the poor and needy: Rid them out of the hand of the wicked." Ah, my friends, those of this world who are satisfied to go on spending their money, affections, and time, lavishly squandering it upon themselves, forgetting these precious little hungry hearts without a home - no father to play with them; no mother to love them; no hands to steal to the bedside to gently tuck the covers at night close about them, no mother's loving heart to kiss their eyes to sleep; no one to breathe a prayer for them at the throne of God's grace. No one to thank God for them; no one to really want them. Thrown out in a cold and sinful world to starve and die unless someone who cares finds them before they, like the little boy dying across his mother's grave, either starve or freeze to death. No wonder

God calls those "wicked" who would let a darling little baby girl or a precious little baby boy die crying, they know not why, for they are too young, but crying for someone to care.

Just here my friends I want us to drink deep into the heart of one of the great men of God. In Job 31:6 he says this, "Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity," then he asks this question, "What shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?" Then verse 16, "If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eye of the widow to fall, or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof, if I have seen any perish for the want of clothing, or the poor without covering - if I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate; then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone." Then this great man of God further said these words, which words need to be so deeply carved in the hearts of Americans that they would haunt us day and night until sleep would fail our eyes. "If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, thou art my confidence: If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, And because my hand had gotten much," then said Job, "This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judges; For I should have denied the God that is above." Friends, my good friends who listen to me so often, do we realize what the God of heaven is saying to us through this great man who suffered so much as did Job and yet who remained faithful through it all? Do we realize that God is saying that those who withhold their money from helping the pleading eyes of a fatherless child, who keep their gold and their wealth to themselves, saying, "Look at the gold and wealth I have in mine hand," that such a person had just as well deny there is a God?

I noticed a statement the other day that said that there are some two and one-half million children in the United States that need help of some kind. Many of them need homes to take them as their very own; others need help because their parents, either from sickness, or the lack of training to enable them to support a family, or maybe because of sin in that home, need help. They are sweet, innocent, children. They did not ask to be brought into this kind of a situation. They did not place themselves upon the world to be cared for, but they are here because of the fleshly desires of men and women who have brought them into this world of sin and want. If they are not helped they will become the problem children, many of them, in our cities and the child will be blamed. The child will be kicked about, sent to jail, maybe to the electric chair, when it was a father or maybe a mother or maybe both to blame. The little child never quite understands what has happened to him, even when he is strapped to the chair, ready to pass from time into eternity. Yet they could have been saved and, had they been pro-

perly directed, would have become Christian fathers and mothers, blessing the world in which they live.

Many times I hear it said, "We are just not able to make these things possible for these children. We are not to blame for their conditions." Yes, we could make it possible. Yes, we are partially to blame for letting these precious little bundles of human heartaches and love have to live this way. Hear me now for just a moment. In our nation it is estimated by some that 90 million adults are drinking intoxicating liquors. They are spending ten billion dollars yearly for this soul damning, this honor destroying, this home wrecking, this fatherless child fiend, which billions, if converted into benevolent channels instead of into sinful and shameful channels, would provide everything these previous children need. In fact if those engaging in such sinful practices would stop, seventy-five percent of such needs, I believe, would at once be eliminated. Then add to this another ten billion that our taxes are called upon to pay for men to help prevent the underworld from taking over this nation, and we could take care of all the needs of the fatherless children and within thirty years pay off our national debt besides. Yet we cry that we can't provide for these helpless little babies and children who cry day and night for bread to eat, clothes to wear, and beds upon which to sleep like we do for our own. If God, in the ages past and gone, cursed those who reveled in their blessings of gold and mountains of wealth, who neglected to hear the cries of the needy and the fatherless, what think you will He do to us in this great land of America if we forsake the pleading eyes of orphans today?

May I read to you this beautiful poem entitled "The Builder".

Source: *Leaves of Gold*, An Anthology of Prayers, Memorable Phrases, Inspirational Verse and Prose. Edited by Clyde Francis Lytle, Published by The Coslet Publishing Company, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Revised Edition 1956.

THE BUILDER

A builder builded a temple;

He wrought with care and skill:—

Pillars and groins and arches

Were fashioned to meet his will;

And men said when they saw its beauty:

"It shall never know decay.

Great is thy skill, O Builder,

Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher builded a temple;

She wrought with skill and care:—

Forming each pillar with patience,

Laying each stone with prayer.

None saw the unceasing effort;

None knew of the marvelous plan;

For the temple the teacher builded

Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple:—

Crumbled into the dust,—

Pillar and groin and arches

Food for consuming rust;

But the temple the teacher builded

Shall endure while the ages roll;—

For that beautiful, unseen temple

Was a child's immortal soul.

Yes, those pleading eyes of a child begging for love and for warmth and for care! Multiplied thousands of them and America lies down in peaceful slumber while the little fatherless child wonders "Why has this happened to me when I am not to blame?" No wonder James said, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction." Suppose it were your child left cold and hungry, or your grandchild? How happy I would be to know there is a home, yes an orphan home that would take the precious darling into their care and give it love and protection and teach it to be a Christian. Churches of Christ, let us help the orphan homes among us. Yes, and individual Christians, let us open our pocketbooks to them and help, as the builder of unseen temples to bring hope into their sorrow filled hearts. Let us practice pure and undefiled religion now.

I close with a verse from this lovely poem "Give Them The Flowers Now."

Closed eyes can't see the white roses,

Cold hands can't hold them, you know,

Breath that is stilled can not gather

The odors that sweet from them blow,

Death, with a peace beyond dreaming,

Its children of earth doth endow;

Life is the time we can help them,

So give them the flowers now.

Yes, my friends there are multiplied thousands of pleading eyes. Pleading eyes of fatherless children, helpless little boys and girls, begging us for help. Join hands and hearts with us across the world and give them a chance to live a decent Christian life and help us save them from the prison cell or from the electric chair or from the gas chambers in the prison cells of our nation.

If you are not a Christian then remember your Lord says in

Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." He never misleads us. Come today obey His voice, be saved by His precious blood. Remember this commission was "to every creature in all the world." Do not delay. Believe in Christ, repent of your sins and as commanded by our blessed Saviour, be baptized today. Write us now and let us help you become a child of God is my prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

While this is not exactly a question, yet I would love to relate it to you. Some time back in a meeting a young mother whose husband had deserted her and her fine children handed me a note and in the note she said, "Brother Harper, I love your sermons because you seem to have such a great love and affection for unfortunate children. You beg fathers to become Christian fathers because, for one thing, their children need them so." Yes, my heart does go out to them. I do love them devotedly. You know in the heart of a child the seeds of truth properly planted can bless, maybe millions of souls.

Ah, my friends, they are the heritage of God and they are the hope of the world. Let us not forsake them for the pleasures and joys of this world.

Church of Christ
Abilene, Texas

Sirs:

I turned on the T. V. Sunday, and heard your program for the first time. It was told in such a way even a child could understand the truth of the message.

I would like to receive the booklet you mentioned, "The Old Paths." Also you mentioned a Bible Course one could take by mail. I have taken two Bible courses, one was "Back to The Bible." Would you please send me a copy of one of the lessons. I am trying to study and learn more each day about the Bible. Thank you.

May God bless you in your work.

Yours truly,

Mrs. C. K.

Fairview, West Virginia

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE JEWISH SABBATH

ABC and MBS Networks

By E. R. HARPER

Radio Sermon No. 515

December 10, 1961

My friends, I am discussing today the subject, "The Truth About the Jewish Sabbath." I receive so many letters, tracts, and booklets in which various people try to convince me that I, as a Gentile, am bound to observe the Jewish Sabbath. In the discussion of this subject I shall endeavor to establish several things. First, that the sabbath was not given for the Gentiles — only to Israel; that it was to last only throughout the generation of the Jewish people; that is during the time of God's special dealings with Israel as a separate nation. I then shall prove that by the New Testament the generation of Israel ended with the inauguration of the testament of Christ thereby ending the command, according to the New Testament, for even the Jews to keep the sabbath much less the Gentiles. I shall show in this discussion that you cannot separate the law that governed the observance of the sabbath, from the "keeping of the sabbath day holy." I shall also show what it means to "remember the sabbath day to keep it holy," pointing out that no Gentile, known to me, keeps it holy and never has, which is really the command of Exodus 20:8. I shall also establish the fact that to keep the sabbath holy, forces the observance of burnt offerings. I shall further establish the fact that the law of the sabbath will force those who claim that Exodus 20:8 is now binding to kill, to put to death those who violate the sabbath to keep it holy.

THE COMMAND

In Exodus 20, verse 8, your Bible reads, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." It is not "remember the sabbath day"; it is not to just "keep the sabbath" as Gentiles try to observe it. The command is to "keep it holy." Before I have concluded with this discussion I shall establish the meaning of "remember the sabbath day to keep it holy," for the force of the command is centered around the word "holy." Unless they "keep it holy," they violate the command; they profane or pollute the sabbath. Today men are trying to bind on us the observing of the day without doing what they were commanded to do to keep it holy. They accept the day but repudiate the law that governs the observance of that day — the law that deals with the punishment for profaning the sabbath. These were the laws that were bound upon Israel in carrying out this law to "remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." To fail to respect these laws was to profane the sabbath. This is what those who try to force upon us the observance of the Jewish sabbath refuse to accept, but you can't reject the one without rejecting the other and you can't observe the

one without observing the other. They try to bind only the day and reject the law governing the keeping of this day.

You may wonder why I so often make reference in this address to the New Testament. It is for the purpose of indelibly stamping upon your minds that I am discussing this lesson from the standpoint of a Gentile who was never under the Old Testament, but who is now under the New Testament. Further, I am trying to establish the fact this lesson is not anti-semitic. We are not making this a personal attack on our Jewish friends, neither are we trying to make a personal attack on our Gentile friends. It is simply that we believe the New Testament is the fulfillment of the Old Testament, that Christ is the promised Messiah; that under Christ, both our Jewish friends and we who are Gentiles are to be one in Christ, in His church (Galatians 3:28 and Ephesians 3:6). This being true we do not believe that we Gentiles are bound to the covenant of the Old Testament — Sabbath — and never were. The New Testament has taken the place of the Old Testament.

The first thing necessary is to know to whom this law was given. In Exodus 31, verse 12, we read, "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily ye shall keep my sabbaths: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am Jehovah who sanctifieth you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that profaneth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from the people. Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to Jehovah; whosoever doeth any work on the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever—" This, my good people, was written by the finger of God upon the tables of stone, verse 18. Now may I ask, to whom was this sabbath day given? Was it to the Gentiles? No, God gave it to the children of Israel. It was a sign between Jehovah and Israel, verse 17, not a sign between Jehovah and the Gentiles. It was a sign between Jehovah and Israel throughout their generations only. When their generations ceased, the keeping of the sabbath day was to cease. By the teaching of the New Testament their generations, as a special nation spiritually, ceased when Christ died and His testament became effective. Listen to your New Testament. In Romans, chapter 2, and verses 28 and 29 your Bible reads, "For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." If under the New Testament teaching there no longer exists in God's sight

a separate and distinct people known as fleshly Israel, if one be not a Jew in the flesh during the New Testament only in the spirit, then their generation had to cease for if in God's sight the Jew ceased as a separate distinct people religiously, then his generation could no longer exist. This, my friends, is fundamental in the discussion of the Jewish Sabbath trying to be bound on Gentiles today. Remember the sabbath day was a sign between God and Israel, not between God and the Gentiles, and it was to last only throughout their generation. Today, the Jew and the Gentile are not separate nations, but one in Christ. Your Bible says in I Corinthians 12:13, "For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free, and were all made to drink of one Spirit." In Galatians 3, verse 28, your Bible reads, "There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond or free, there can be no male and female." Now why can there be neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female? At the Judgment there will be the Jewish people, there will be those who on earth were bond and free, there will be those who on earth were male and female. Let your Bible answer, "For ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Now listen to the next verse and know by the New Testament teaching, that the "generation of Israel no longer exists, and that Israel, as a separate people religiously, ended with Christ. It reads, "And if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise." They could no longer boast of the fleshly bonds that were theirs when this covenant of Exodus 20:8 was given to them, under the law of Moses. Today it is Christ, not Abraham. It is Christ, not Moses. It is the New Testament, not the Old. In the New Testament there is no difference with God. Only those in Christ, both Jews and Gentiles are accounted unto God as Abraham's seed. Let your Bible answer this. You remember a moment ago I read where it said, "For ye are all one man in Christ Jesus, and if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." That you may know further that God does not recognize special groups by fleshly ties, I read to you from II Corinthians 5:16-17, "Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ (Jews or Gentile), he is a new creature: old things have passed away, behold all things are become new." New Testament, New Covenant, New Sacrifice, New People, those in Christ.

SABBATH — A SHADOW

The things of the Old Testament were but shadows pointing to the substance. In Colossians 2:16 we read, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day or a new moon nor a sabbath day: which are a shadow of the things to

come, but the body is Christ's," (reading from the American Standard version). What more do you want than this to show that the sabbath day was but a shadow and was to cease? Since Israel therefore, according to the New Testament, no longer exists as a separate people, religiously, in God's sight; since all are one in Christ, since only in Christ are all Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise, then I have forever established the fact that the Jewish sabbath is no longer binding on anyone, not even the Jews, much less the Gentiles, according to the teachings of the New Testament, for it was to last only throughout their generations. Their generations ceased when the Jewish nations as a separate people ended. Again, listen to your Bible. This time from Philippians 3:3, "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." From this we can see plainly that the New Testament teaches that God no longer recognizes fleshly Israel as the circumcision, as His special people. Only those who are in Christ Jesus are counted as the Israel of God today.

That you may see further that this is true, I read this time from Galatians 6, verses 15 through 16, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them; and mercy, and upon the Israel of God."

Since your New Testament, the testament of Christ plainly declares that a man is not a "Jew which is one outwardly," but "He is a Jew which is one inwardly" and circumcision is now of the "heart and not of the flesh"; since your Bible clearly states that there is "neither Jew nor Gentile"; since we no longer "know any man after the flesh; for we are now "new creatures in Christ"; since your Bible clearly states that the circumcision today are those who rejoice in Christ Jesus, and having just read to you where Paul called those in Christ the Israel of God, Galatians 6:15-16, we are forced to conclude from the teachings of the New Testament there exist today no such people as the fleshly Israel of God with special divine blessings, as a spiritually separate and distinct people, for says your Bible we are "all one in Christ," and only those in Christ are the true Israel of God now.

To climax this once and for all, I read to you from Ephesians 2:15-16 where your Bible reads, "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make of the twain — that is of the Jew and the Gentile — one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both (that is Jew and Gentile) unto God in one body — in one church — by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby, and came and preached peace to them which were afar off (that was the Gentiles) and of them that were nigh (this was the Jews). For through him (that is

Christ), we both (both here means the Jews and the Gentiles) have access by one Spirit unto the Father."

CONCLUSION

Having now read that the sabbath day is a sign between Jehovah and Israel, not between Jehovah and the Gentiles, and that this sign should last as a perpetual covenant only throughout their generations, we are ready to conclude with all confidence that the New Testament teaches that the generations of the Jews ended with the coming of Christ and His testament. For then, according to the New Testament, ended the Jewish nation as God's separate and chosen people and both are now one in Christ. This being true then, the sabbath day is no longer binding upon the Jews, much less the Gentiles. Remember the Old Testament says the sabbath day was a "sign between Jehovah and Israel," and it was not made a sign between Jehovah and any other nation or race of people. I have now established these three facts: 1. That the sabbath day covenant was only between Jehovah and Israel, never between Jehovah and the Gentiles; that it was to last throughout their generations; and that the generation of Israel ended when Christ fulfilled the law and His New Testament became effective.... that now, both Jews and Gentiles are "one in Christ" with no difference between them in God's dealings with men. In my next lesson I shall discuss the subject, "Who Keeps the Sabbath of Exodus 20?" Do not miss it. Write for these lessons for most of you do not have these facts at your ready command.

I now close with this Bible statement, "And Jehovah said unto Moses, 'Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel (not with thee and the Gentiles). And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments,' Exodus 34:27-28. We Gentiles were not included in this covenant. I ask you now to find where God ever bound on any Gentile the keeping of the sabbath of Exodus 20:8. I ask you further to find in the New Testament, after it became effective, where there is one single command to "remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." They met on the first day of the week. Do not miss our next lesson. And so my friends, I beg of you to obey the New Testament, believing in Christ, repenting of your sins and be baptized for the remission of sins as commanded in Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:18-20, and Acts 2:38. May the Lord bless you and keep you is my prayer in His holy name.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A man from Colorado asks, "Are the Bible classes held at the church buildings Sunday morning public or private?" Then he wants to know if they are right to have.

—ANSWER—

The classes we have at Highland, in which he was most interested, are conducted before the general assembly. They are for all ages and all classes. We divide them because it is the best way we have found to teach all classes or groups the things they need to know on the level that can best reach them. In Hebrews 5:11-14, we have the principle for classes. It reads, "Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk and not meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are full of age, even those who by reason of use have their minds exercised to discern both good and evil." Here we have the classes from babes to full grown men. We have the food from milk to strong meat. The elders at Highland pride themselves with having their senses exercised to discern the needs of the congregation over which they are bishops and upon whom the Lord has laid the responsibility to feed the flock over which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers. Classes are not the general assembly. There is a distinct difference between the two. In a school they have separate classes, then all classes dismiss and assemble in one place for chapel services. This then becomes the general assembly. In Acts 13:43 it reads, "Now when the congregation -- meaning the assembly of course -- was broken up -- that is dismissed -- many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God." Here the assembly was one thing and the class of Jews and proselytes, being taught by Paul another thing. Yes, classes are justified by the Bible.

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Keep up the good work brethren.

In the Master's Service,

C. N. S.

Santa Maria, Calif.

WHO KEEPS THE SABBATH OF EXODUS 20?

ABC and MBS Networks

By E. R. HARPER

Radio Sermon No. 516

December 17, 1961

That the keeping of the sabbath is a most interesting subject is evidenced by the many letters, tracts, and booklets I receive. Many of them cannot understand why we do not observe the old Jewish sabbath and undertake to show me why it is binding today. We truly appreciate these letters and tracts. We appreciate their honest efforts to teach me what they in their hearts believe to be true. We do not become offended at your letters, good people, though they differ radically from what we believe.

NOW TO THE SABBATH

My lesson today shall deal with the question, Who remembers the sabbath day, to keep it holy? In Exodus 20 and verse 8 it reads, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." I may spend what you think to be precious moments on an insignificant matter just here but if I shall be successful in getting you to see what this verse really says, what it actually commands here to be done, my lesson has reached its mark and I fully believe it will show that today no Gentile is obeying the fourth command of Exodus, chapter 20. Ask some of your Jewish friends if my discussion of this verse today is not the meaning of Exodus chapter 20 and verse 8. Remember that you who are writing me regarding this matter are Gentiles. Keep in mind that the Gentile portion of my audience writing us, undertaking to show me that the sabbath day is to be observed by Gentiles now, that you confess to believe in Christ as our only sacrifice today; that you reject the offering of animal sacrifices. It shall be mine to show that most people have never read correctly the command of Exodus 20, verse 8. It does not say to just "remember the sabbath day." It does not say to just "keep the sabbath day." That is not the command. Oh yes, they were to remember it, they were to keep it, but how remember it? How keep it? The command is not to "remember the sabbath day and keep it." The command is to "remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." The obligation imposed upon them here is the remembering to keep it holy. They could not pollute it nor could they desecrate it. By desecrating the sabbath I mean they could not violate the sanctity of it; they could not profane it; they had to observe it as the law demanded, else they profaned the sabbath, they polluted it. Keep in mind that the command is "remember, to keep it holy," not just to cease from your labors on that day, nor was it just to meet as a group on that day. It was, "remember, to keep it holy."

THE LAW OF THE SABBATH

For them to keep the sabbath holy there were certain regulations attached to the keeping of the sabbath holy, which if observed they profaned or polluted the day. Let me read to you from Nehemiah 13:17, "Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city?" Again hear the prophet Isaiah, chapter 56: verse 2, "Blessed is the man . . . that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." In Ezekiel 22:8 we read "Thou hath despised my holy things, and has profaned my sabbaths." From this we can now better understand what the expression in Exodus 20, verse 8 means when they were commanded to "remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." They were polluting, profaning, desecrating the sabbath by not observing to do the things demanded of them by the law governing the keeping of the sabbath. This is the trouble today. Men are binding upon us the observing of the day but rejecting the law governing the keeping of the day holy.

NOT TO ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB

It is vitally important that we know to whom this command was given. I read today from Deuteronomy 5, verses 2-3, "Jehovah our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. Jehovah made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day." Here it is positively stated that it was not made to their fathers; that is to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and the twelve patriarchs, but to those present that day. This was the Ten Commandment Law, for they are repeated here. To Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God gave the circumcision covenant. In Acts 7, verse 8, your Bible reads, "And he, (God) gave him (that is Abraham) the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs." This law was given to Abraham in Genesis 17:10. Also was given to Abraham the promise that, "in thee and thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed" Genesis 22:18. But one thing positively, there is no record of the sabbath day covenant ever being given to the Gentiles from the creation of man until the closing of the New Testament. There is no record of any man's keeping the sabbath day prior to Exodus 16:21-30, and this was said not to the Gentiles, but to the children of Israel after the crossing of the Red Sea and in the land of the wilderness. In this is found the proof that it was not practiced prior to this, not during all the hundreds of years in Egypt, for specific instructions had to be given. IN your Revised Standard Translation it reads in Exodus 16:23, "Tomorrow is a solemn rest, a holy sabbath unto Jehovah." It did not say "the solemn rest," "the holy sabbath," but

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OVER THESE ABC AND MBS STATIONS

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Auburn	WAUD	8:30 p.m.	San Diego	KGB	8:30 p.m.
Bay Minette	WBAC	12:30 p.m.	San Francisco	KGO	7:30 p.m.
Birmingham	WATV	8:30 a.m.	Stockton	KWG	8:30 p.m.
Clanton	WKLF	2:30 p.m.	Turlock	KTUR	8:30 p.m.
Decatur	WAJF	1:05 p.m.	Ukiah	KMSL	8:35 a.m.
Dothan	WOOF	12:35 p.m.	COLORADO		
Eufaula	WULA	5:35 p.m.	Denver	KBTR	7:30 a.m.
Flomaton	WTCB	8:30 a.m.	CONNECTICUT		
Florence	WOWL	8:30 p.m.	Torrington	WTOR	6:35 p.m.
Foley	WHEP	1:00 p.m.	FLORIDA		
Gadsden	WGAD	8:30 p.m.	Fort Pierce	WARN	7:45 a.m.
Haleyville	WJBB	5:35 p.m.	Jacksonville	WPDQ	8:30 a.m.
Sylacauga	WFEB	4:35 p.m.	Milton	WSRA	
Talladega	WJHB	1:00 p.m.	New Smyrna		
		(Sat.)	Beach	WSBB	6:35 p.m.
Troy	WTBF	5:35 p.m.	Ocala	WTMC	5:35 p.m.
ALASKA			Sebring	WSEB	
Fairbanks	KFRB	8:30 a.m.	Tampa-St.		
Sitka	KIFW	9:00 p.m.	Petersburg	WSUN	7:30 a.m.
		(Wed.)	Winter Haven	WSIR	5:35 p.m.
ARIZONA			Homestead	WSDB	
Flagstaff	KCLS	8:05 a.m.	Ft. Lauderdale	WWIL	
ARKANSAS			GEORGIA		
Berryville	KTCN	6:30 a.m.	Bremen	WWCC	8:30 a.m.
Blytheville	KLCN	8:30 a.m.	Cartersville	WBHF	5:35 p.m.
Camden	KAMD	5:35 p.m.	Cordele	WMJM	6:35 p.m.
Corning	KCCB	1:30 p.m.	Fitzgerald	WBHB	6:35 p.m.
Helena	KFFA	5:35 p.m.	Griffin	WKEU	8:05 a.m.
Jonesboro	KBTM	5:35 p.m.	Hinesville	WGML	1:30 p.m.
Little Rock	KARK	5:30 p.m.	La Grange	WLAG	9:00 a.m.
McGehee	KVSA	9:00 a.m.	Savannah	WBYG	5:35 p.m.
Prescott	KTPA		Rome	WLAQ	9:30 p.m.
CALIFORNIA			Thomson	WTWA	6:35 p.m.
Bakersfield	KPMC	10:00 a.m.	West Point	WRLD	9:30 p.m.
Bakersfield	KMAP		IDAHO		
Calexico	KICO		Albion	KMVC	
Chico	KPAY	7:35 a.m.	Idaho Falls	KID	8:00 a.m.
Los Angeles	KABC	8:00 p.m.	Nampa	KFXD	1:30 p.m.
Napa	KVON	3:35 p.m.	Rupert	KAYT	9:00 a.m.
Needles	KSFE	7:00 a.m.	Sand Point	KSPT	9:00 a.m.
		(Wed.)	ILLINOIS		
			Springfield	WCVS	8:30 p.m.

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INDIANA			MISSOURI		
Lafayette	WASK	9:05 a.m.	Branson	KBHM	
North Vernon	WOCH	8:30 a.m.	Cape		
Vincennes	WAOV	5:35 p.m.	Girardeau	KFVS	7:30 a.m.
IOWA			Clinton	KDKD	
Fort Dodge	KVFD	8:05 a.m.	Dexter	KDEX	9:00 a.m.
KENTUCKY			Joplin	WMBH	4:35 p.m.
Frankfort	WFKY	6:35 p.m.	Kansas City	KCMO	8:30 a.m.
Henderson	WSON	7:00 a.m.	Rolla	KTTR	1:00 p.m.
Hopkinsville	WKO	7:15 a.m.	St. Louis (FM)	KEMO	1:35 p.m.
Mayfield	WNGO	7:30 a.m.	MONTANA		
Paducah	WPAD	8:30 a.m.	Anaconda	KANA	8:05 a.m.
Paintsville	WSIP	6:35 p.m.	Lewistown	KXLO	4:30 p.m.
Pikesville	WPKE	7:05 p.m.	Wolf Point	KVCK	3:35 p.m.
Somerseset	WSFC	6:35 p.m.	NEBRASKA		
LOUISIANA			McCook	KBRL	4:35 p.m.
Shreveport	KRMD	8:30 p.m.	Omaha	KMEO	8:00 a.m.
Winnfield	WVCL	8:00 a.m.	Scottsbluff	KNEB	9:00 a.m.
MARYLAND			Valentine	KVHS	8:30 a.m.
Hagerstown	WJEJ	9:30 p.m.	NEVADA		
MASSACHUSETTS			Reno	KBET	8:30 p.m.
Fall River	WALE	6:35 p.m.	NEW HAMPSHIRE		
Gardner	WGAW	6:35 p.m.	Keene	WKNE	1:05 p.m.
MICHIGAN			Nashua		
Detroit	WXYZ	10:00 p.m.	Manchester	WSMN	9:30 p.m.
Escanaba	WDBC	8:30 p.m.	Portsmouth	WBBX	8:00 a.m.
Ludington	WKLA	9:30 p.m.	NEW MEXICO		
Muskegon	WKBZ	9:30 p.m.	Artesia	KSVP	6:35 p.m.
MINNESOTA			Grants	KMIN	4:35 p.m.
Eveleth	WEVE	5:35 p.m.	Silver City	KSIL	4:35 p.m.
MISSISSIPPI			NEW YORK		
Centerville	WGLC	8:00 a.m.	Corning	WCLI	6:35 p.m.
Clarksdale	WROX	5:35 p.m.	Malone	WICY	6:35 p.m.
Greenville	WJPR	5:35 p.m.	Massena	WMSA	9:30 p.m.
Greenwood	WABG	4:30 p.m.	New York	WABC	9:30 p.m.
Jackson	WJDX	9:30 p.m.	Saranac Lake	WNBZ	9:30 p.m.
Natchez	WNAT	2:00 p.m.	NORTH CAROLINA		
Vicksburg	WQBC	5:35 p.m.	Belmont	WCGC	6:35 p.m.
			Durham	WTIK	9:30 p.m.
			Elizabeth City	WGAI	7:35 p.m.
			Fuquay Spgs.	WFVG	5:35 p.m.
			Gastonia	WGNC	9:30 p.m.

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Goldsboro			St. Mary's		
Hender-	WFMC	1:00 p.m.	Scranton	WKBI	6:35 p.m.
sonville	WHKP	2:30 p.m.	Tyrone		
Lenoir	WJRI	5:35 p.m.	Altoona	WTRN	7:35 a.m.
Mt. Airy	WSYD	5:35 p.m.	Washington	WJPA	8:35 a.m.
Reldsville	WFRC	9:30 p.m.	Wellsboro	WNBT	6:35 p.m.
Roanoke			Wilkes Barre	WILK	9:30 p.m.
Rapids	WCBT	6:35 p.m.	Williamsport	WMPT	9:30 p.m.
Rocky Mount	WEED	9:30 p.m.	SOUTH CAROLINA		
Wilson	WGTM	6:35 p.m.	Bennettsville	WBSC	6:35 p.m.
NORTH DAKOTA			Charleston	WOKE	4:35 p.m.
Devil's Lake	KDLR	4:35 p.m.	Georgetown	WGTM	5:35 p.m.
Grand Forks	KILO	1:00 p.m.	Hartsville	WHSC	5:35 p.m.
Minot	KLPM	5:35 p.m.	Orangeburg	WDIX	9:30 p.m.
Oakes	KEYD	4:35 p.m.	Rock Hill	WRHI	6:35 p.m.
OHIO			SOUTH DAKOTA		
Dover	WJER	7:00 p.m.	Huron	KIJV	5:35 p.m.
Ironton	WIRO	6:35 p.m.	Mitchell	KORN	4:35 p.m.
OKLAHOMA			Watertown	KWAT	5:35 p.m.
Ardmore	KVSO	8:30 p.m.	TENNESSEE		
Enid	KCRC	8:30 p.m.	Athens	WLAR	5:35 p.m.
Lawton	KSWO	9:05 p.m.	Columbia	WCRM	1:30 p.m.
McAlester	KNED	1:30 p.m.	Dayton	WDNT	4:30 p.m.
Poteau	KLCO	1:00 p.m.	Fayetteville	WEKR	6:35 p.m.
Tulsa	KTUL	8:30 a.m.	Jackson	WTJS	7:30 p.m.
Vinita	KVIN	8:30 p.m.	Johnson City	WETB	8:05 a.m.
Wewoka	KWSH	8:30 p.m.	Lexington	WDXL	1:00 p.m.
OREGON			McMinnville	WBMC	9:00 a.m.
Astoria	KAST	3:35 p.m.	Memphis	WHHM	8:30 p.m.
Coos Bay	KOOS	8:30 p.m.	Morristown	WCRK	9:35 p.m.
Coquille	KWRO	8:30 a.m.	Murfreesboro	WGNB	9:00 a.m.
Eugene	KASH	8:30 p.m.	Nashville	WSIX	9:30 p.m.
Lakeview	KQIK	8:30 a.m.	Oak Ridge	WATO	9:00 a.m.
PENNSYLVANIA			Onedia	WBNT	9:00 a.m.
Altoona	WRTA	9:30 p.m.	TEXAS		
Coatsville	WCOJ	5:30 p.m.	Abilene	KRBC	8:15 a.m.
Huntingdon	WHUN	9:30 a.m.	Amarillo	KGNC	1:05 p.m.
Johnstown	WCRO	8:00 a.m.	Bay City	KIOX	5:35 p.m.
Lock Haven	WBPZ	6:35 p.m.	Big Spring	KBST	6:30 p.m.
Milton	WMLP	1:00 p.m.	Borger	KHUZ	4:35 p.m.
		(Sat.)	Brownwood	KBWD	5:35 p.m.
			Clarksville	KCAR	8:30 a.m.

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Eagle Pass	KEPS	9:05 a.m.	Wenatchee	KUEN	10:15 a.m.
Farwell	KZOL				
Graham	KSWA	4:30 p.m.			
Huntsville	KSAM	6:00 p.m.			
Liberty	KWDL				
Littlefield	KZZN				
Longview	KFRO	8:30 p.m.			
Midland	KCRS	1:30 p.m.			
Monahans	KVKM	4:35 p.m.			
Nacogdoches	KEEE	8:30 p.m.			
Pampa	KHHH				
Pampa	KPDN	5:35 p.m.			
Pleasanton	KBOP	8:30 p.m.			
San Angelo	KGKL	8:30 p.m.			
San Antonio	KMAC	8:30 p.m.			
Sherman	KTXX	9:30 a.m.			
Texarkana	KCMC	8:30 p.m.			
Tyler	KTBB	8:30 p.m.			
VERMONT					
Brattleboro	WKVT	1:05 p.m.			
VIRGINIA					
Bristol	WFHG	6:35 p.m.			
Culpeper	WCVA	6:35 p.m.			
Fredericksburg	WFVA	8:30 a.m.			
Lynchburg	WLVA	9:30 p.m.			
Radford	WRAD	4:00 p.m.			
Richmond	WMBG	9:30 p.m.			
Waynesboro	WAYB	6:35 p.m.			
WASHINGTON					
Centralia					
Chahal's	KELA	3:35 p.m.			
Mt. Vernon	KBRC	9:30 a.m.			
Omak	KOMW	9:15 a.m.			
Seattle	KTW	9:30 p.m.			
Tacoma	KLAY	9:30 a.m.			

WEST VIRGINIA

Clarksburg	WHAR	6:35 p.m.
Logan	WLOG	5:35 p.m.
Montgomery	WMON	5:35 p.m.
St. Albans	WKLC	9:30 a.m.
Williamson	WBTH	6:35 p.m.

WISCONSIN

Eau Claire	WBIZ	5:35 p.m.
Fond du Lac	KFIZ	5:35 p.m.
Madison	WIBA	8:05 a.m.
Mantiowoc	WOMT	5:35 p.m.
Reedsburg	WRDB	5:35 p.m.
Wausau	WSAU	9:00 a.m.

WYOMING

Casper	KTWO	9:15 a.m.
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FOREIGN

CANADA

Blind River,		
Ont.	CJNR	10:15 a.m.
Winnipeg,		
Manitoba	CKY	11:00 p.m.

BERMUDA

Pembroke	ZBM	1:30 p.m.
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LIBERIA

Monrovia	ELBC	4:30 p.m.
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NIGERIA

Enugu	ENBS	1:30 p.m.
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PHILIPPINES

Manila	DZAQ	7:30 a.m.
Manila	DZAW	7:30 a.m.

"a solemn rest," "a holy sabbath." You ask, what is the difference? Just this. Had it been "THE holy sabbath" it would have had the significance of its having been given to all the generations back, even to their fathers, but not so here for it is said to be "a holy sabbath" showing they were not used to keeping such a day, and it was not given to their fathers before them.

NO OTHER NATION

But to forever settle this matter I read to you from your Bible. This time from Deuteronomy, chapter 4, verses 8,10-13, "And what great nation is there, that hath statutes, and ordinances so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day." Then verse 10, "The day that thou stoodest before Jehovah thy God in Horeb — that is Mt. Sinai — when Jehovah said unto me, Assemble me the people, and I will make them hear my words." Then verse 13, "And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even the ten commandments." My good people he just plainly declares here that no other nation received this law, the Ten Commandment Law. Moses asked them, What nation, what great nation had received this law, this covenant of the Ten Commandments? I ask you that same question. Oh my friends, who are trying to bind on us the Ten Commandment Covenant, listen further to this chapter, verses 32, 33, and 36. "For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and from the one end of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? Did ever a people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? .. Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice that he might instruct thee . . . and because he loved your fathers — these were Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the twelve patriarchs — , therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out with his presence, with his great power, out of Egypt — (40), and thou shalt keep his statutes, and his commandments, which I commanded thee . . . and thy children after thee." Not the Gentiles and their children after them! What more can we demand of Jehovah to convince us that to no other nation on earth than Israel, those who crossed the Red Sea, did He give this Ten Commandment Covenant than in Deuteronomy, chapter 4, which covenant included the command to "remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." There is positively no record of this ever being given to any Gentile, nor of any Gentile, as a Gentile, ever observing it — not even in the New Testament as a command of Jehovah. It was not given to the fathers, not from the "creation of man," from one end of heaven unto the other, until given to the children of Israel after the crossing of the Red Sea, declares Deuteronomy, chapter 24, verses 32-40. What more need I give

This list is not 100% correct due to frequent changes.

All times are Sunday unless otherwise indicated.

Check your local newspaper or radio station for times not listed.

to convince you Gentiles that you were never bound to keep the sabbath as a holy covenant between you and Jehovah?

LAW OF THE SABBATH

Now to the task of showing you Gentiles, and according to the New Testament it would now apply to all peoples, that you do not remember the sabbath day to keep it holy, I call your attention to the law that governed the observing of this day, lest they profane it or pollute it as I have already read to you.

BURNT OFFERINGS

In Numbers 28:9-10 we have the law of Jehovah regarding the keeping of the sabbath day holy. "And on the sabbath day two he-lambs a year old without blemish, and two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering mingled with oil, and the drink-offering thereof: this is the burnt-offering of every sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering, and the drink-offering thereof." But says one, This is the ceremonial part of the law and it was done away and only the day left. Ah no, my friends, for this command was for every sabbath day so long as the observing of the sabbath was to be kept. This means that to "remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" demands of you who keep it that every sabbath day you offer burnt offerings; that you offer animal sacrifices unto God; that you offer drink-offerings. This you dare not do, for you know your Bible says in Hebrews 10, verses 12 through 13, "But he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." Then verse 14, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." Then in verse 16, he introduces this New Covenant, not the Old! When the Old Covenant, that of Exodus, Deuteronomy, and Numbers, from which I have been reading, that covenant in which divers offerings of animal sacrifices were demanded, even upon every sabbath day, when that law was abolished there went with it everything pertaining to that covenant and its observance. A new law took its place in which were incorporated every principle of the Ten Commandments, save the fourth, "remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," for to do this would be to bind on us the offering of animal sacrifices every sabbath day. This was the law of the sabbath and it adhered until the last sabbath was to be observed. There is no place where they were freed from Numbers 28:9-10.

DO YOU KILL YOUR PEOPLE?

In Exodus 31, verse 14 we read, "Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that profaneth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people." If you try to separate this law governing the sabbath from the observing of this day, trying to

make it the ceremonial law, then hear the next part and know you are wrong. "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant." This law of death was to abide with the keeping of the sabbath day holy, as long as it was binding on the Jews throughout their generation. Now if it is binding on you Gentiles or upon the Jews today, then this command to "kill" your people, every one of them who dares to do any work on the sabbath day is binding. Do you keep it holy? Or, are you profaning it? This is why I said that no man remembers the sabbath day to keep it holy, for both Jews and Gentiles of this country violate this law. On Saturday we find the greatest commercial day of the Jewish people, and yet they do not kill for violating the sabbath. Why does God not kill them today? This generation ended as a separate people in God's sight religiously, and with it ended the keeping of the sabbath. Thus ended the penalties. You Gentiles violate this command for you let your animals and your cars and various things be used. No man keeps it holy among you Gentiles for not one of you offers burnt offerings of animals; not one of you dares kill your people for such violation.

QUESTION

Since you are trying to get me to "remember the sabbath day to keep it holy" will you please give me the passage in the New Testament that shows me how I am to remember it to keep it holy. Please, I beg of you, please send me the passage that tells you how to keep it holy. If there be none, then how do you know you are keeping it holy? The Old Testament gave instructions concerning this in detail. Why is the New Testament absolutely silent to the extent that not one command is found in it to keep it holy, much less the law given by which you are to keep it holy. Why not give it up, with its animal sacrifices, its burnt offerings, and its death penalties, and observe the worship of the Lord on the first day of the week as the New Testament teaches they did?

CONCLUSION

I could discuss this for another month with paralyzing scriptures, knowing that no man today in America is keeping the sabbath. It violates the Christian law of worship for we dare not offer animal sacrifice, nor dare we kill those who violate God's law, as demanded by the law of the sabbath. This can't be set aside.

In closing I beg of you come with us to the New Testament, obey its commands, to believe in your Lord, John 3:16; to repent of your sins, Luke 24:46; to be baptized for the remission of sins, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:38, and live in keeping with the New Testament, the Testament of Christ, and cease from trying to bind upon us Gentiles the old Jewish Law of Exodus 20, is my prayer in the name of Christ our Lord.

QUESTION-ANSWER

A letter from Texas asks, "Why do we ignore this, one of the greatest commandments, the washing of feet?"

ANSWER:

This is thought by many to be a public church ordinance. This has to be understood in the light of the context in which we find it and from further teaching in the New Testament on such a subject. In John 13 is the example of the Lord's washing the disciples' feet. He then said this to them, "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet." From this was born the doctrine of public feet washing, rather "foot-washing" for it is usually just one foot. It is argued that since in this same chapter the Lord instituted the Lord's supper, commanding them to eat of it, and since we do this in the general assembly that we should also wash feet in the public assembly. This does not follow for many reasons. First the Lord placed the supper in His kingdom. In Luke 22:29, Christ said, "I appoint unto you a kingdom, even as my Father hath appointed unto me, that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom." This He never said about the washing of feet. Second, in Matthew 26:29 Christ said, "I shall not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." He never said this about washing of feet though they are in the same chapter. Third, in I Corinthians 11:18 your Bible says, "When ye come together in the church, I hear that division exists among you," then verse 20 reads, "When therefore ye assemble yourselves together, it is not to eat the Lord's supper," and then he shows why it is this way. Now the church assembled in public worship for this purpose on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7), and they were to have assembled here for that purpose but they had changed the supper into something sinful. Paul then reviews the command of the Lord in Matthew, Luke, and John to show them how they should partake of this supper. Now, nowhere is there an example of the church having ever met in a public assembly to wash feet. The only reference to it is I Timothy 5:9. Here was the description of a "widow in deed." One of the demands was, "if she have washed the saint's feet." This was in the personal, private acts of her home and not in public assembly of the church. Our custom today would be to show our company the wash-room in our home where all the conveniences needed could be enjoyed. If the need arose for us to wash their feet, the lesson of the Lord was simply this: He taught us that we are not too good to render to mankind the service mankind needs. It is a lesson of humility and service in our personal dealings with those who need our help. It is not a church ordinance and never has been. The church was not built at this time (John 13) and when later built, the supper was included in the public assembly, but not the public washing of feet.

HAD CHRIST NOT BEEN BORN?

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Nearly two thousand years ago there took place an event that has changed the course of history; as the result of it nations have come and gone; monarchs have soared to heights and fallen into the depths of despair and ruin; civilization has reached heights before unknown and human beings have been elevated to a sphere undreamed of by the generations of the long ago. That occasion was the birth of a child, a son, which birth took place in a humble city in Palestine called Bethlehem, the city of David the King. No event in the history of man has been so beautifully unfolded and no plan that was to affect the entire human race was ever so minutely detailed or so meticulously executed as the birth of this Son. The events leading up to it; the perfect timing of its occurrence; the fulfillment of all the promises of the Old Testament as climaxed so completely in this event without one single failure lifts this scene beyond the power of man's wisdom and establishes beyond all possible doubt that it was conceived, developed, and finally perfected by a power and a wisdom not possessed by any mortal man. The power behind it all was that of God. There is no other explanation that satisfies the events of this night and the birth of this particular Son and the events that followed. We challenge any lawyer from any university of law to form a brief that will be more complete; more convincing to a jury in favor of that which he wishes to set forth, than the brief that can be presented in proof of the actual occurrence of this night when to this world was born a "saviour, Christ the Lord." You would be forced to prove that the witnesses were incapable, untrustworthy, or that it was a framed affair on the part of those testifying that they might deceive those whom they wished to influence. This is not possible due to the fact that every recorded testimony of these men; every recorded sermon, is of such nature that it elevates man to a higher standard of living than the writings of any other man or set of men in His generation. That these men did not get together and devise some scheme by which we are to be deceived is defeated in its beginning for your Bible was written by various men, concerning many centuries, with no possible way of having met, and yet when their writings are brought together, we have the most beautifully connected story leading up to and climaxing the birth of this Son that the world has ever been privileged to read. No dreamer of fiction; no writer of true stories; not even the learned of this world of ours, with their volumes that grace the great libraries of this age, have ever equaled, much less surpassed, the beauty of style, the depths of thought, nor the dreams, hopes, and promises to be

found in this one little book, the Bible. There is but one answer to this: The hand that guided them was divine, it was from God the creator of man and the processor of all knowledge, both past and future, and because of this the men who wrote by His direction could write the future as clearly as they could the past and when they wrote of the birth of this Son they made absolutely no mistakes in their predictions. I challenge you to find one failure in the fulfillment of their prophecies. If there can be found no failures, if all they ever promised came to pass, we must say then with the apostle Peter, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21). Friends, let the infidels, the skeptics, or the scoffers find a better answer than this as to: Why they made no mistakes and why not one of their predictions of this birth ever failed! Until they can, let them not laugh us to scorn for we have something solid upon which to stand, something they can't explain, and it lives to curse and mock every generation of infidels, and instead of our looking like uneducated weaklings, they present themselves as spectacles of pity and objects of our charity for they and their children must like the animals about them come to the grave without hope beyond if they be right.

NOT THE DAY OF CHRIST'S BIRTH

As all of us surely understand, no one knows the day of Christ's birth. He was not born on Christmas day; this we all know due to the physical surroundings of the country in which He was born. It is not given in our Bible as a day of religious worship and for that reason churches of Christ do not celebrate Christmas as such. It is a season of good will which we all enjoy and toward which our children look. It is the time of year when we expect, if possible, to have our children and grandchildren come home and enjoy the memories of years that are past and gone and to dream of the years just ahead. With this now before us let us go back through the centuries past and trace this event from the Garden of Eden to that night in the City of David, nearly two thousand years ago. Let us watch it unfold today right before our eyes and go with the Wise Men and stand in awe and in reverence by the side of this babe, lying in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes. Let us not be guilty of celebrating such an event by getting drunk, reveling all night at the dance halls or night clubs and then joining great choruses that shall sing of His birth as we gather in churches and cathedrals all over the world. Such things, instead of honoring the birth of such a child, drag down to shame this glorious event and so cheapen the religion of Christ, this Son, that the world today is laughing at the church.

THE PROMISED SEED

Go with me now to the Garden of Eden and let us begin the unfolding of this event that has changed the courses of men and of

nations for twenty centuries. God had created man and woman and had placed them in the garden called Eden. To this man and his wife He gave a law. This law was violated and God cursed them by driving them from the Garden of Eden. When they were tempted to sin by the tempter, God had this to say in Genesis 3:15: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Here is the first mention of the seed that should overcome Satan; it is here called the "seed of woman." This is but a veiled insight into the purposes and plans of Jehovah, but that plan is to unfold more and more as the centuries pass. In Genesis 12:1-5 is found the story of Abraham's call to leave the Ur of the Chaldees and go into the land that God would show him with this promise, "I will make thee a great nation, and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Here we find the family through whom the Lord is to bring His blessings upon the world, upon all nations; not just Israel. Now in Genesis 22 and verses 1-19 is the story of Abraham's offering his son Isaac upon the altar as a sacrifice unto God when God stayed his hand, saved the life of the boy, provided the offering unto Himself, and remade His promise to Abraham. Jehovah said, because "thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son" . . . "in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." In II Samuel, chapter 7 and verses 12-14 we have Nathan sent of God to David and to David was made this promise, "When thy days are fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, that shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish his throne for ever." Here we have traced the "seed of woman" in the Garden of Eden to the seed of David the king. Turn with me now to our New Testament and let us find who this seed is. In Galatians 3:16, Paul says, "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." Christ, born in Bethlehem of Judea, was the fulfillment of this promise made in the morning of time, in the Garden of Eden. It is positive, specific, and unanswerable.

THE PROPHET

Christ was the prophet of whom Moses spake in Deuteronomy 18:18-19 where God said to Israel, "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth . . . And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." That this prophet is the child born in Bethlehem of Judea, Christ the Lord, is as certain as is your Bible the word of the Lord. In Acts 3:19-26, in speaking of Christ Jesus our Lord, Peter applies this prophecy of Deuteronomy 18 to Him as he says, "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in

all things whatsoever he shall say unto you." That this is that prophet of the Old Testament, there can be no doubt.

—THE CITY FORETOLD—

Even the city of His birth was foretold in the Old Testament. In Micah 5:2 the prophet said, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." That this was fulfilled as spoken here we have but to come to Matthew 2:1 and hear the record as it says, "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem." In that immortal chapter of Luke 2, we also find the record of the glorious event that brought the Christ to the earth, born as he was in the City of David, Bethlehem of Judea, just as the prophet foretold. Again it came to pass as told by the prophet.

HIS MOTHER

One of the most beautiful of them all is the promise of the mother of Jesus. In Isaiah 7:11-14 we have this prophecy. "The Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel." Here is the promise of a virgin to become the mother of our Lord. Will you turn now with me to Matthew chapter 1 and verses 21 and 23? You remember the story. Joseph was ready to put Mary away and the angel of the Lord came to him and said, "She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Time forbids that I give in full the story of His birth as found in Luke chapters one and two but let us now see the beautiful story of His birth to Mary nearly two thousand years ago. Joseph and Mary had come to the city to register. They asked for lodging in the inns, but there was none. They slept that night in what we, years ago, called "wagon-yards" where they kept both people and animals. It was here in a stable a King was born; it was here a Prince was brought into the world; it was here our Saviour came to earth to live with us poor mortals that He might know and understand our sorrows and our heartaches; that He might shed a tear when our hearts are broken. Little did that city know that night a King was being born; a King that would change the course of the ages and bring to man hope beyond this veil of tears. That night the angelic chorus swung low in the heavens as it sang that song that he been immortalized and shall be sung all over the world today, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The shepherds were afraid, as the angel spoke to them, but said the angel, "Fear not; for

behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Here were climaxed the promises of the ages past. Here in the city of David, Bethlehem of Judea, was born the seed of woman, the seed of Abraham; the seed of David; the prophet of Deuteronomy. Here the virgin of Isaiah, Mary the wife of Joseph, gave birth to the Son of God who should inherit the throne of His father David, which throne He occupied, on the first Pentecost after His resurrection from the dead as He began His rule upon that throne, Acts 2:29-36, to rule there until all His enemies are overcome, even death, Acts 2:34-35 and I Corinthians 15:24-28. Yes, every prophecy concerning His birth, the city of His birth; and even His mother, all came true exactly as foretold by the prophets. It has to be right!

WHAT THE WORLD WOULD HAVE LOST

Had there been no birth of this child, the city of Bethlehem would have been lost to the pages of history. That city lives today because of this glorious event of which we are now speaking.

IN CONCLUSION

As I conclude this lesson let me point out the things that could not have been had there "Been No Christ, the Son of God." There would have been no Saviour of the world; there would have been no prophet to speak to us the words of God; there would have been no King of kings; no Lord of lords; there would have been no virgin birth of Christ, no Son of God to die for our sins; There would have been no Cross of Calvary, no blood of Christ with which to wash away our sins; no salvation; no resurrection from the dead and no life beyond the grave. There would be no "heaven for the saints of God"; no rest for the tired and weary of this earth; no home of the soul and we could no longer sing that wonderful song, "We are going home at last"; it would mean eternal death; eternal separation from those so dear to us. It would mean, as we stand at the grave and say good bye to our very own that all hope is gone and we stand robed in the darkness of despair, and are made to "weep as those who have no hope," and this is worse than death itself.

THE HOPE OF BETHLEHEM

But the beauty is seen in the promises of a resurrection of the dead, John 5:28; I Corinthians 15:16-47; in the hope of meeting each other in a never ending eternity; of living in heaven with Christ, I Thessalonians 4:13-17, and with the saints of all ages to join in singing that great chorus of Revelation 5:12, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength and honour and glory and blessing" who "hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." The story of this child of Bethlehem means more to me today than it has ever

meant, for today, as we approach the Christmas season there is a vacant chair in our home; a lovely little girl who has sat with us to enjoy this season for 26 years closed her beautiful eyes in death, as on the operating table she was fighting for life as the doctors tried so hard to repair her heart. The sadness of this season will not be so hard, because of this child of Bethlehem, for through Him we shall see Teenie after a while. Will you not today obey His voice when He says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16), and do just that trusting Him for the salvation of your soul? Will you not, during this season, honour Him by obeying Him and walking with Him, that you and your children may enjoy the hopes and promises of that night of nearly two thousand years ago when to you was born in Bethlehem, a "Saviour, Christ the Lord"? May the Lord bless you and yours and may there be no "vacant chairs" in your home as the children begin gathering in to see father and mother is my prayer for you and yours, in the precious name of the child of Bethlehem, Christ the Son of God.

—QUESTIONS & ANSWER—

I have a question from a man in Rosston, Arkansas, asking, "Who can baptize believers?" This is a good question. He suggests that in Acts 19:1-7, we have an example of believers baptized by the wrong party. Now the man doing the baptizing has nothing to do with the validity of your baptism. You can never know if the man is saved or lost. You may believe he is saved but only the Lord knows. Any one could baptize you if they would do it for the right purpose and by the correct authority and if you are a proper subject for baptism. Now the trouble with those in Acts 19 was not that they were baptized by the wrong person but their trouble was that they had been baptized with the wrong baptism. They had been baptized with the baptism of John the Baptist instead of the baptism of Christ. You see these are two distinct baptisms. John's baptism was before Christ, pointing to the coming of Christ. It ended when the baptism of Christ became effective. Now these in Acts 19 had been baptized after John's baptism had ended and it was the wrong baptism, not the wrong man baptizing them. Had Apollos, who evidently had baptized them, judging from the context in Acts 18:24, known the truth and had he baptized them for the correct purpose he could have administered the baptism as well as Paul. You see in Acts 18:25, Apollos "knew only the baptism of John." Aquila and his wife Priscilla taught the "way of the Lord more perfectly." This clearly teaches us that we can't follow John the Baptist, nor can we use his baptism.

JUST A SINNER SAVED BY GRACE

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My friends it is good to be back with you after the holidays to bring to you another lesson from God's word. I do hope that you did not have your days of anticipated happiness broken by sadness of any kind. If you did, we would pray that in some way we can help you to bear those heartaches. You know our Bible tells us to bear one another's burdens. Let us help you bear yours.

Remember that next Sunday you will be hearing Brother Baxter. I know you are anxious for him to visit with you again in your homes. He is truly a great man of God, humble, yet strong in convictions of truth and in his love for the souls of men. It is a pleasure to work with him.

I believe you will grant me the privilege of saying just here, "thanks to each of you and to the many congregations who have, by your fellowship and your prayers, made possible this great work of bringing the gospel of Christ to millions by both radio and television." How I wish we were able to extend this work to all peoples of the world. It might be that if our love for the souls of men were as great as the love that made possible the grace by which we are saved, that this could be done in our generation. Think this over as a new year dawns tomorrow.

Today I am discussing with you the subject, "Just a Sinner Saved By Grace." I hear some asking, do you people really believe this? Yes, my beloved friends we have taught nothing else for all these years. It was the theme of the church in the first century of Christianity; it shall have to be the theme of the church in every century. Should God's people forsake the cardinal principle of salvation by the grace of God, they will perish from the earth as His people. No, we have never tried to substitute our works for the marvelous saving power of the grace of God. This charge is sometimes made against us, but it is far from the truth.

Let us now read Ephesians 2, verses 8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

My friends here is one of the passages over which so many good people have become so confused. They seem to think this passage teaches that man is saved through grace, by faith alone. They seem to believe this passage eliminates the great commission of Matthew

28:18-20, and Mark 16:15-16 for in these two passages we find the command to be baptized. Two things this passage teaches; first that we are not saved by "faith only"; second, that we are not saved by "grace only." We hear many people say, that we are saved by the grace of God alone. Others say we are saved by faith only. But this passage teaches neither. It says plainly that we are saved by grace through faith. If it were by grace alone that would eliminate faith; if it were by faith alone, that would eliminate grace. The doctrine of salvation by grace alone is never found in your Bible. The doctrine of salvation by faith only is likewise never found in your Bible. Your Bible says in James 2:24 "Ye see then how by works a man is justified and not by faith only." Here it is "not by faith only." Thus far we find that it is not by grace only; that it is not by faith only, neither is it by works only. Yet all three play a part in man's salvation. If not why are they all three tied together in man's justification?

In man's salvation there are two parties involved, God and man. God's part was perfected without conditions upon the part of man. Man's reception of these blessings is made possible by God's grace, they are conditioned upon certain stipulated requirements to be met by man. When these are met, man does not buy his salvation; does not merit his salvation. It is in the kingdom of grace as in the kingdom of nature. God's grace provided the food, the water, the fruit, but we must gather them and appropriate them. In the same way God's grace provides the bread of life, the water of life, the fruits to be enjoyed by us. As in the grace of nature so it is in the grace of the spiritual; man does the gathering and the appropriating them, for in grace as in nature, he who eats shall live. But in each, man has to be active to eat and live.

In the language of another, "There are conditions of enjoyments, though no conditions of merit, either in nature or in grace." God's grace has provided everything for man's happiness in the natural realm, just as God's grace has provided everything necessary for man's happiness in the spiritual realm, but man is required in each to be active in his receiving the blessings provided by God's grace in either realm. That man does not do any acts of merit in his being saved, though God demands of men to obey Him, let me read to you from your Bible, this time, Luke 17:10. Here the Lord says, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants." Obey all His commands? Yes. Do we then merit His blessings? Nay, for we are still unprofitable servants. We have nothing of which to boast.

It is true that our salvation depends upon the grace of God but that grace does not save every man; it could and would, but the fact that not all shall be saved, is proof positive that this grace saves only certain characters. Is God a respecter of persons because he

saves only a few? If salvation were by grace alone, without any conditions to be met by man, then if God saved some and condemned others, He would be a respecter of persons. This alone is conclusive proof that the grace of God saves only those who meet the demands made of Him by whose grace we are saved. Now if God can demand one thing of man before he may enjoy this salvation by His grace, and man's salvation were still by the grace of God, then God could demand of him a dozen or more things and still his salvation would be by the grace of God through faith. It would not be my man's works, nor of man's merit, but by the grace of God. This is fundamental for it shows beyond refutation that man is active in the receiving of his salvation made possible by the grace of God, that man has to do something to be saved. This my good people, if you would believe it and understand it, destroys the foundation upon which was founded our present confusion that exists in denominationalism which was founded upon the doctrine that there was nothing for man to do to be saved by the grace of God because, say they, man is born depraved, with the Adamic sin, unable to do anything. Now we know that we have been, and are now being taught, there is nothing to do to be saved. It is said, if we have to do anything, then it is not of grace but of our own works. We know this can't be true.

Let us now study God's part in the salvation of man. His part is the grace. Grace simply means "unmerited favor." What God has done in providing for man's salvation was not merited by man. Not having been earned or merited by sinful man, it must therefore be gratuitous upon the part of God. Gratuitous means, "that which is done out of favor; free; voluntary; a free gift; a donation." But the grace of God even surpasses in its beauty the meaning that is sometimes inherent in our word favor, or grace. For instance one of the derivities of this English word is gratuity, which means something in return for a favor. The grace of God was not bestowed upon man for any favor that man ever bestowed upon God. Therefore divine grace transcends all known faculties possessed by man. May I now show you what the grace of God has provided for every man lost in sin that he may become a sinner saved by grace?

My friends the provisions made for us by God's grace are too far beyond the comprehension of man for me to try to explain the why of all these. I must believe them, rejoice because of them, and then appropriate them to myself according to the instructions given to us by Him whose grace has so wonderfully provided for our salvation.

1. The Bible says in John 3:16 that "God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Here, above all other expressions of God's grace, is demonstrated to mankind the love of God toward man. Here on Calvary, we see the unmerited favor of God, we see

This is salvation by grace through faith and nothing else can be. May God bless you that you may do exactly what they had done that caused Paul to write to them this letter that you too may be "Just a Sinner Saved By Grace Through Faith," is my prayer in the holy name of Christ our Lord.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A letter from a listener from Casper, Wyoming in her questions says, "I do so much want to join God's church, the true church." I know what she has in mind. She wants to be a member of the church of the Lord built and not some church built by man, not mentioned anywhere in all of the book of God. She wants to be in the church that this child, born in Bethlehem, established. For any other church, other than the one He built, is of no value at all. To be a member of this church, if you will but do what they did on Pentecost you will be a member of that church. The Bible says in verse 47 "and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." He did not add them to the wrong church. Here is our trouble. Men have long since ceased to teach what Peter taught here, guided by the Spirit. When they asked him what to do he simply answered in these words, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)." Three thousand "gladly received his word and were baptized" and the Lord added them. I know this is true for here is how your Bible reads, "And they that gladly received his word were baptized and the same day there were added unto them about 3,000 souls." All these were members of the church this good lady wants to be a part of. If she will do just what these did, God being no respecter of persons, she will be in the church she is seeking to find. My friend, if not, why not? Why do not all of you preach this same sermon? Churches of Christ preach and practice just this.

Dear Brethren:

Herewith is my little check to help in your Gospel program. The lessons are so good and I am so thankful to our Heavenly Father for such a program and such men as you to present the wonderful lessons and for people that will listen and obey.

May the Lord continue to bless you and this wonderful work is my prayer.

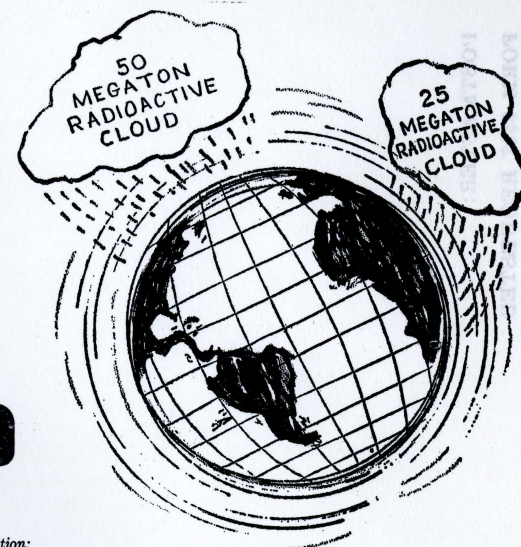
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Brownfield, Texas

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VICTORY STILL COMES THROUGH FAITH

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

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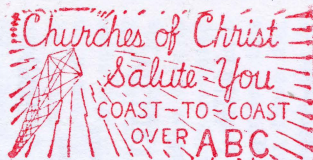
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